

(Please check your phones and electronic devices to make sure they are turned off while in the Sanctuary.)

Welcome to Mt Calvary Lutheran Church! We pray that you will be blessed, comforted, and given true, lasting peace as you worship. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for worshipping and praising our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1 and “One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.” Psalm 27:4.

TO OUR VISITORS

Within this congregation, let no one feel like a stranger. If you have no church affiliation elsewhere, we invite you to make Mt Calvary your church home. Membership is open to all who are in accord with the doctrines and practices of our church, as based on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. If you would like to know more about our beliefs, you may consult The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod website has this information at <https://www.lcms.org/> Please get in touch with Pastor Kevin for the next available new member class.

THE LORD’S EXPECTATION OF THE MEMBERS OF MT. CALVARY

In the glad confession of the Christian faith the Lord expects that every member attends Worship and receives the Lord’s Supper faithfully. The Lord expects every member to be involved in Christ-centered education, (Bible Study); The Lord expects every member to be a missionary of Christ to our community; and that every member is a faithful steward and disciple for the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Livestream worship services will be available Sunday mornings.

Go to <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/livestream> and click on “Worship”

Worship service bulletins can be accessed at <https://www.mtcalvaryhuron.org/bulletin>

THIS SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Order of Service:

Modified Order of Matins

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Hymns:

525, 443, 441

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Special Music:

Sunday School children sing at the beginning of the service

Liturgist:

Pastor Koester

Pastor Koester

Lector:

Robert Blaseg

Dan Florey

Sermon:

Pastor Koester

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Theme:

"Peace to the nations"

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Text:

Zechariah 9:9-12

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THOSE WHO SERVE IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS WEEK

Organist:

Julie Kropuenske

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Acolyte:

Volunteer needed

Jacob Fuerst

Tech Support:

Logan Gerrits

Conner Dragt

Greeters:

Wayne Jungemann

Dan Florey

PARISH PRAYERS

- ◇ Remember all first responders, emergency personnel, healthcare workers, firefighters, and all members of law enforcement, as well as their families.
- ◇ Remember those affected by disaster and war, especially the soldiers and citizens of Israel and Ukraine.
- ◇ Remember victims of violence, persecution, and the families of Christian martyrs.
- ◇ Remember those whose loved one has died: **family of Charlotte Fink**—aunt of Dan Kogel
- ◇ Remember those who have been hospitalized or have special needs:

Joe Airheart

Robin Shultz

Brad Bader

Mike and Lois Frank

Cindy Alter

Gary Doering

Al Merriam

Rev. Dana Brooks— former Mt. Calvary Assistant Pastor

Lois Houck—mother of Shawn Adermann

Connie Cleland—daughter of Renee Schultz

June Taylor—friend of the congregation

Elwood Vanden Berge—father of Ryan Vanden Berge

Myles Hupp—son of Trevor and Kelsey Hupp

Steven Lockhart—brother of Claudia Johnson

Mykaila Soloman—granddaughter of Claudia Johnson

Remember in your prayers all those serving in our military, and their families, especially:

PFC Kaegan Plumb—US Marines, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA—husband of Kameryn Plumb

Amyah Greene—Army National Guard—granddaughter of Randy and Nancy Ziegeldorf

MSG David Maas—109th RSG—SD National Guard—Rapid City—deployed to Iraq—brother of Ann Cruse

Dustin Murphy, Army JAG, serving in North Carolina—nephew of Dennis and Kathy Mead

Tyler Kludt, pilot for the Iowa Air National Guard—grandson of Melanie Kludt

Sgt Gene Dennis, 665th Support Maintenance Company (SMC) out of Mitchell.

SSgt Justin Frank, SDARNG Med Command.

David Siedschlag, serving in the Army—nephew of Jay and Mandy Siedschlag.

Paul, U.S. Marine—family member of Donna and Ken Schley

Aric Birkeland, serving in the Air Force Reserve in Virginia.

SSgt Joshua Bartel, Army Reserve, 1-383rd TSBN in Des Moines.

PFC Kevin Kayser, serving in the SD Army National Guard 147th A Co.

Madison Pfitzer, serving in the SD Army National Guard.

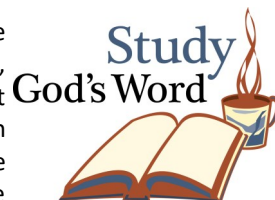
Timothy Johnson, Navy Seabee stationed in Illinois.

Dallas McLeod, Army Aviation Maintenance Manager, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Pray
for Our
Military**

PALM SUNDAY: *The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross* The Son of David comes in gentle humility, “sitting on a donkey’s colt,” yet as the King of Israel “in the name of the Lord” (John 12:13–15). The Church is thus called to “rejoice greatly,” because her King comes with salvation, and “he shall speak peace to the nations” (Zechariah 9:9–10). For the glory of God is love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So, God the Father has “highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Philippians 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His cross.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study: Each year, we as Christians revisit the life and work of Christ by observing the various seasons. We start with Advent, which brings us back to the Old Testament and the waiting for the Messiah. At Christmas, we celebrate God’s promise being kept in the incarnation and in Epiphany, we recognize God’s promise as being for all people, including the Gentiles. Through Lent and Holy Week, we prepare ourselves to receive the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and on Easter, we joyously shout that Jesus is risen to give us eternal life. However, the vast majority of the Church year is spent in “common time” or the season after Pentecost. Over twenty Sundays are meant to help us reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit through the disciples in the early church and the work that the Spirit is still doing through us today. To that end, we will now be studying the Book of Acts, which chronicles the work of the Spirit in the early Church. Although we are endlessly familiar with the Gospels and the epistles of Paul, we may find that we have more to learn about this fascinating book. We invite you to join us!



In Christ, Pastor Kevin

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool through 6th grade will go to the opening in the sanctuary from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. then to the basement to their respective classrooms for Sunday school class.

7th through 12th graders and their parents are invited to participate in the Middle School / High School Sunday School class. We will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the Boardroom. We have now concluded the video series and will be doing a Bible study on the life of the apostle Paul. All 7th-12th graders and their parents are welcome to attend.

Easter Lily Donations

During Lent no flowers are placed on the altar. On Easter, lily plants will decorate the altar. If you would like to donate to the purchase of lilies for the altar you may put your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Lilies” and place it in the offering plate, put it in the mailbox by the church office, or mail to the church. If the donation is given in memory of loved ones, please write the name(s) on the envelope. Checks may be made payable to LWML.

Palm Sunday, March 24 is the deadline. Thank you.





No Kids for Christ or Family Ministry Classes during Holy Week, Wednesday, March 27th

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

MT. CALVARY



COBORN'S CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS:

Effective March 31, 2024, Coborn's will no longer be offering their "cash for receipts" program. We will continue to accept Coborn's receipts through Sunday, March 31, 2024. There is a collection box located in the entrance of the Learning Center and in the Fellowship Hall. We are sad to see this program discontinued, it has been an amazing program for our pre-school and other non-profit organizations in our community. Mt. Calvary Learning Center staff and board thank you for your continued support through your prayers and donations.

The early bird pricing window for Camp Minneboji is closing fast! **Youth (4th grade through 8th grade) must be registered by April 1st to receive the special pricing of \$450.** Youth may still register after April 1st for a different rate. For members wanting to go, Mt. Calvary is willing to cover half of the registration fee. Camp Minneboji is June 16th-22nd this year and the theme is "Blessed- Matthew 5:1-12." Please talk to Pastor Kevin soon if you are interested! God's blessings!



Come spend the afternoon bowling with your church family! On Sunday, April 21st, we will be down at Fair City Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m. We will pay for the cost of entry and shoes. Snacks will be available for purchase from the bowling alley. Even if they need to break out the bumpers for you, we still hope to see you there! God's Blessings!



Mt. Calvary member Becca Bich is doing her senior project on suicide awareness. We really hope that you will support her and this cause that affects so many by attending the screening of the "My Ascension" movie at Huron Luxury Cinemas on the evening of Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.



ENDURE

Attention Mt. Calvary youth and families! The National Youth Gathering will be here before you know it! This time around, it will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans. Youth need to have completed 8th grade to be able to attend. **We would like to know how many of you are interested in going (including kids and potential adult chaperones).** Please let us know of your intentions by signing up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall by October 1st. Early bird registration is in November. God's blessings!



Pastor Kevin says after the Family Activity on Sunday, March 17th, "These kids will sleep well tonight! We enjoyed games of volleyball (regular and bouncy ball versions), Lightning, 4-on-4 basketball, dodgeball, and even pool noodle sword fights! We also enjoyed some green rice



krispie bars for St. Patrick's Day, Addi's birthday popsicles, and other snacks.

"For I long to see you...that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."
Romans 1:11-12.

Thank you to everyone who came to fold palm crosses on Saturday, March 23rd! We had a good turnout. We hope that you enjoyed your breakfast pizza and we appreciate you helping to make our Palm Sunday worship services more beautiful and special.



Thank you to everyone who came to witness my installation as sole pastor and helped in any way with the service or the potluck afterward! I also want to thank everybody for the kind words, cards, and gifts that I received. As we were reminded in President Sailer's message, we ought to give thanks for what we already have and I am thankful for the people of Mt. Calvary. Ultimately, I know that your presence in my life and ministry are gifts of God. And so, just as I have prayed many times before, it is good that I should *"give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever"* (Psalm 107:1).

In Christ, Pastor Kevin

BLESSED BY MEANS OF GRACE

Weekend Worship: 148

Bible Study: 67

Sunday School: 12

Midweek Lent Worship: 81

March Offerings:	Weekly Need	1st Weekend	2nd Weekend	3rd Weekend	4th Weekend	5th Weekend
General	\$ 6,592	\$ 4,766	\$ 8,867	\$ 5,146	\$	\$
Mission	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,450	\$ 2,782	\$ 1,541	\$	\$
Building	\$ 192	\$ 95	\$ 365	\$ 69	\$	\$
Preschool	\$	\$ 110	\$ 125	\$ 285	\$	\$

Budgets are guidelines for what the church may need weekly for financing. Actual expenses could be more or less. Thank you for your support of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church because without it we would not have a church. When you give, consider how the Lord has blessed you.

	General	Building	Missions
Cash Available Jan 1, 2024	\$104,054.92	\$53,756.96	(\$24,241.20)
2024 Year to Date Net Cash Flow	<u>\$ (2,397.99)</u>	<u>\$ 802.00</u>	<u>(\$ 4,272.10)</u>
Cash Available Jan. 31, 2024	\$101,656.93	\$54,558.96	(\$19,969.10)



Statements

2023 Offering Statements were placed in the Fellowship Hall mailboxes in January. If you need another copy of your 2023 Offering Statement please contact the church office. (605)352-7121

Reminder - Direct Your Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31:

If you have a qualified connection to a Thrivent Financial insurance or annuity product you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars® to direct to our church each year. Thrivent Choice Dollars® can make a profound impact.

In 2023 Mt. Calvary received \$4,089 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. Directing Choice Dollars® costs Thrivent members nothing, but is a gift by Thrivent, to support recipients. Directing dollars is as simple as calling the Thrivent organization at 1-800-847-4836 and ask for Thrivent Choice options.



Thank you to all who continue to contribute in any way to the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Please see the display case in the Fellowship Hall for photos displaying transportation methods used to deliver the shoeboxes to the ends of the earth, as well as, photos of many excited faces of the children receiving the boxes and being disciplined through "The Greatest Journey" program.

You will have the opportunity to contribute items for this year's shoeboxes or make donations for items to be purchased or for sponsoring online shoeboxes for hard-to-reach areas. Each month a list of suggestions is included in the newsletter. Thank you in advance for your participation in this mission to share the love of Jesus with children around the world!

This Week in the Parish

Day	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 24	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School Opening (PS-6th grade) (then to basement classrooms after the opening)	Sanctuary
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for 7th grade and above	Boardroom
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study In-Person/Livestream	Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
Monday, March 25	Pastor Kevin's Day Off		
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 a.m.	Chapel with Pastor Kevin	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Chapel with Pastor Kevin	Sanctuary
<i>Kids for Christ and Family Ministry classes will not meet</i>			
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
Friday, March 29	Church Office Closed		
	12:10 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service In-Person/Livestream	Sanctuary

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday (usual worship schedule)

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion (livestreamed)

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

12:10 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service (livestreamed)

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service (livestreamed)

Sunday, March 31—Easter

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service (livestreamed)

7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion (livestreamed)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion (livestreamed)

